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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: COARSE DIRT COLLECTOR FOR REMOVING COARSE MATERIAL FROM A
PULPER AND RESPONDING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II (Claims 11 - 30) with traverse in the above-identified application for examination.

The reasons supporting traversal are as follows:

Group I (claims 1 to 10) and Group II (claims 11 to 30) claim a single general inventive concept for removing coarse materials from a pulper, wherein the method according to claims 1 to 10 is performed by using the coarse dirt collector recited by claims 11 to 30. Hence, the common concept is to use a coarse dirt collector being pivotable into and out of the pulper vessel from above, wherein the inward and outward pivoting movement of the coarse dirt collector is carried out by a rotational movement about an axis of rotation positioned at an angle to the plane that is vertical to the axis of the pulper vessel.

Therefore, Group I and Group II relate to a single general inventive concept.

Applicants reserves all rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application to the non-elected group of claims.

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